Development of tourism in Rajasthan

†90. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to boost tourism development in Rajasthan on priority basis;

(b) the amount sanctioned during the last three years thereof;

(c) the names of tourist destinations targeted to be made attractive and the investment planned to be made therefor;

(d) whether any evaluation as to the tourist pulling capacity of Rajasthan's forts, havelies, monuments and religious places, has been undertaken; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them which are complete in all respects as per the Scheme Guidelines, *inter-se* priority and subject to availability of funds. During the last 3 years (2006-07 to 2008-09), Central Financial Assistance sanctioned to State Government for the Tourism Infrastructure Projects, fairs and festivals and Large Revenue Generating Project is as follows:—

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Amount
2006-07	953.84
2007-08	1554.46
2008-09	4189.56

Financial support for tourism promotion

91. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of projects received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for development and promotion of tourism in the State during the year 2008-09;

(b) the names of projects sanctioned by Government and the financial support extended to Himachal Pradesh during the year 2008-09;

(c) the details of amount utilized by the State Government on infrastructure development of destinations in the State during the year 2008-09;

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